Assembly Bill No. 2310

CHAPTER 163

An act to amend Sections 51421, 51422, and 51424 of the Education Code, relating to high school equivalency certificates.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2310, Chu. High school equivalency certificates.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a California high school equivalency certificate and an official score report, or an official score report only, to any person who has not completed high school and who meets certain specified requirements. Existing law requires that applications for a California high school equivalency certificate and official score report be submitted by each test center following each examinee's completion of all or a portion of the five tests comprising the general educational development test battery.

This bill would delete the requirement that applications for a California high school equivalency certificate and official score report be submitted by each test center following each examinee's completion of all or a portion of the five tests comprising the general educational development test. The bill would instead require that fee to be submitted when registering for the test. The bill would require each scoring contractor to provide the superintendent with a set of results for each examinee who has taken that test, and would make other, conforming changes in related provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 51421 of the Education Code is amended to read:

- 51421. (a) The superintendent may charge a one-time only fee, established by the State Board of Education, to be submitted by an examinee when registering for the test sufficient in an amount not greater than the amount required to pay the cost of administering this article and for the cost of providing all followup services related to the completion of the general educational development test. The amount of each fee may not exceed twenty dollars (\$20) per person.
- (b) The examinee shall be responsible for submitting to the Superintendent of Public Instruction all subsequent requests for

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duplicate copies of the California high school equivalency certificate and all requests to forward reports of the results of the applicant's general educational development test to postsecondary educational institutions.

- SEC. 2. Section 51422 of the Education Code is amended to read: 51422. Each scoring contractor shall provide the Superintendent of Public Instruction with a set of results for each examinee who has taken all or a portion of the general educational development test. Each scoring contractor shall forward to the superintendent the fee established pursuant to Section 51421 for each examinee who has taken the general educational development test.
- SEC. 3. Section 51424 of the Education Code is amended to read: 51424. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall keep a permanent record of California high school equivalency certificates issued pursuant to this article.